

ABSOLUTE RATING: Average
IMPROVEMENT RATING: Unsatisfactory

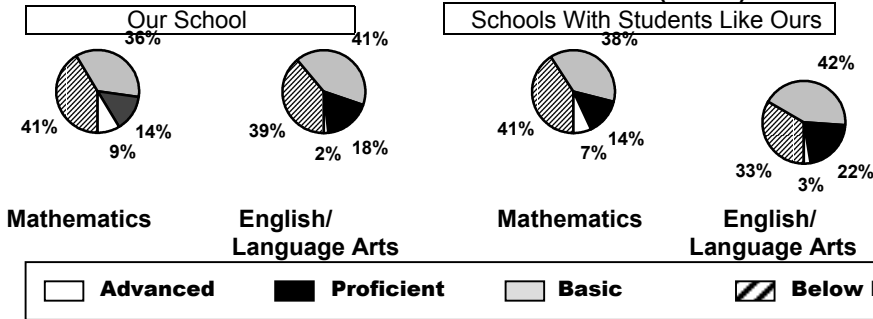
Number of middle schools with students similar to ours: 41. The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from below average to good. For the improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to good.

RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD



(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT) RESULTS



DEFINITIONS OF CRITICAL TERMS:

- **Advanced** – Student performance exceeded expectations.
- **Proficient** – Student performance met expectations.
- **Basic** – Student performance met minimum performance expectations.
- **Below Basic** – Student performance did not meet minimum performance expectations.

Science scores are to be reported on 2004 School Report Cards. Social studies scores are to be reported on 2005 School Report Cards.

PERCENT OF STUDENTS SCORING BASIC OR ABOVE ON THE PACT

Student Group	English/ Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies
All students (n=525)	61.1%	58.7%	N/A	N/A
Students with disabilities other than Speech (n=53)	22.6%	17%		
Students without disabilities (n=471)	65.6%	63.5%		
Gender				
Male (n=246)	52%	52.6%		
Female (n=278)	69.4%	64.3%		
Ethnic Group				
African American (n=65)	49.2%	46.2%		
Hispanic (n=2)	N/A	N/A		
White (n=456)	63.2%	60.7%		
Other (n=1)	N/A	N/A		
Lunch Status Group				
Free/reduced-price Lunch (n=267)	48.3%	48.3%		
Pay for lunch (n=257)	74.7%	69.6%		

SCHOOL PROFILE

INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Middle School
SCHOOL				
• Dollars spent per student	\$4,641	N/A	\$5,047	\$5,127
• Prime instructional time	86.3%	Down from 88.1%	89.8%	89.6%
• Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	22.8 to 1	N/A	21.2 to 1	21.4 to 1
STUDENTS (n=570)				
• Attendance rate	95.6%	Down from 95.7%	95.5%	95.7%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (ELA) off grade level	3.6%	N/A	5.2%	4.5%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (math) off grade level	2.3%	N/A	4.5%	4.0%
• Retention rate	1.5%	Up from 0%	4.4%	4.5%
TEACHERS (n=39)				
• Professional Development days per teacher	10.1 Days	Up from 8.2	8 Days	8.0 Days
• Attendance Rate	92.5%	Down from 94.1%	95.4%	95.2%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	59%	Up from 51.5%	45%	45.8%
• Continuing contract teachers	89.7%	Up from 71.4%	81.4%	80.8%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	2.6%	Down from 2.9%	2.9%	2.4%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	81.5%	Up from 64.8%	85.6%	83.7%
• Average teacher salary	\$37,933	Up 10.6%	\$37,200	\$37,455

SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Middle School
SCHOOL				
• Dropout rate	0%	N/A	0%	0.0%
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	65%	N/A	59.8%	61.5%
• Principal's years at the school	3	N/A	3	3.0
• Parents attending conferences	76.3%	N/A	79.1%	78.2%
• Opportunities in the arts	Good	N/A	Good	Good
STUDENTS				
• On academic plans	32.8%	Down from 33.9%	47.1%	45.8%
• On academic probation	0%	N/A	0%	0.0%
• Older than usual for grade	1.6%	Up from 1.3%	4%	4.5%
• Suspended or expelled	4	N/A	16	15
• Enrolled in high school credit courses	23.5%	N/A	10.7%	13.2%
• Gifted and talented	10.8%	Down from 15.4%	14%	12.1%
• With disabilities other than speech	11.3%	Up from 9.1%	14.5%	13.6%



PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

This has been a very good year at Blacksburg Middle School. Construction of the new addition was completed in April, adding 12 classrooms, an industrial technology lab, two science labs, a computer lab, a reading resource lab, a home arts lab, a group activities room, a team planning room, and two physical education fields. There are no longer any mobile classrooms on the school site. Our students showed improvement academically, and every student participated in at least three clubs. We had an active and involved mentoring program.

Our teachers worked very hard this year. We are in the process of renewing our 10-year accreditation with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools; we completed the five-year school-renewal plan; and we began preparing for Exemplary Writing status.

Seven teachers are currently working on a master's or higher degree. Three teachers completed the process for National Board Certification. Barbara Cope was selected Teacher of the Year for the school.

We also appreciate the great support of our PTO. The PTO raised funds to purchase the message sign and a new sound system for the school. The PTO also assisted at all functions and activities.

Blacksburg Middle School was also privileged to be a Communities in Schools site four afternoons per week. This after-school enrichment program for middle school students provided homework assistance, tutoring, career planning, recreation, nutritional snack, goal setting and evaluation.

Blacksburg Middle School continues to "set the standard."

Dr. Hal Howington, Principal

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	90.0	65.2	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	97.5	76.8	
Satisfied with home-school relations	67.5	78.9	

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Blacksburg Middle
101 London Street
Blacksburg, SC 29702

Grades 5-8 Middle School

Enrollment: 570 Students

Principal

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Dr. William B. James 864-902-3500

Board Chair

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School
Report Card

2001

School Grade:
Below Average



South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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